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3 1. A jewelry clasp for gripping the post of a piece of jewelry, said jewelry clasp
4 comprising:

5 a. A base plate having a first surface for facing toward said piece of
6 jewelry and a second surface for facing away from said piece of jewelry,
7 an opening in said base plate for passing a jewelry post there through;

8 b. At least one spring finger extending outwardly from said second surface
9 to a position where a portion of the spring finger can frictionally engage a
10 side surface of a jewelry post when said post is passed through said
11 opening;

12 c. At least one user gripping tab extending outwardly from said base plate
13 second surface to a position where said gripping tab can be gripped by a
14 user for removal of said jewelry clasp from said post.

15 d. At least one metal separator cast or stamped in a shape that clears the
16 post, said separator being affixed, suspended, between the gripping tabs.

17 2. The jewelry clasp of claim 1 in which said base plate is substantially circular and
18 said at least one spring finger is a pair of spring fingers extending substantially
19 from the twelve o'clock and six o'clock positions thereon and said at least one
20 ~~gripping~~ tab is a pair of gripping tabs extending substantially from the three
21 o'clock and the nine o'clock positions thereon.

22 3. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said gripping tabs are separated by a metal
23 separator of a shape which clears the post with room to spare.

- 1 4. The jewelry clasp of claim 3 in which said separator is secured to gripping tabs by
2 hard solder.
- 3 5. The jewelry clasp of claim 3 in which said separator is stamped as one piece with
4 correct spacing.
- 5 6. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said pair of gripping tabs extends farther
6 outward than said spring fingers.
- 7 7. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which at least one of said pair of gripping tabs has
8 a greater width than either of said spring fingers.
- 9 8. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said gripping tabs have an indentation or
10 dip in the material of the gripping tabs to facilitate gripping thereof.
- 11 9. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which at least one of said gripping tabs is a shaped
12 piece of metal secured to said base plate.
- 13 10. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which the opening in said base plate is centrally
14 located and said base plate's surface has a funnel shaped depressed area around
15 said opening to facilitate entry of a jewelry post into said opening.
- 16 11. A clasp for gripping a post extending from the back of a piece of jewelry said
17 clasp comprising:
- 18 a. a generally circular base plate having a first surface for facing toward
19 said piece of jewelry and a second surface for facing away from said piece
20 of jewelry, a centrally located opening in said base plate for passing a
21 jewelry post there through;
- 22 b. a pair of opposed spring fingers on said second surface positioned to
23 frictionally engage opposed sides of a jewelry post when said post is

- 1 passed through said opening;
- 2 c. a pair of opposed user gripping tabs extending outwardly from said
- 3 second surface to a position where said tabs can be gripped by a user for
- 4 removal of said clasp from said jewelry post, said tabs being spaced away
- 5 from said spring fingers, and being of a distinctive shape from said spring
- 6 fingers;
- 7 d. a metal separator of a shape which keeps said tabs from being
- 8 squeezed together by the pressure of the user's grip.
- 9 12. The jewelry clasp of claim 1 including at least one earring stabilizer extending
- 10 radially outward from said base plate.
- 11 13. The jewelry clasp of claim 12 in which said earring stabilizer includes first and
- 12 second generally parallel extension bars and a stabilizing member connected to at
- 13 least one of said first and second extension bars.
- 14 14. The jewelry clasp of claim 13 in which first and second bars project radially
- 15 outward from said base plate at a position adjacent one of said gripping tabs.
- 16 15. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 including at least one earring stabilizer extending
- 17 radially outward from said base plate.
- 18 16. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said earring stabilizer includes first and
- 19 second generally parallel extension bars and a stabilizing member connected to at
- 20 least one of said first and second extension bars.
- 21 17. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said first and second extension bars
- 22 project radially outward from said base plate at a position adjacent to one of said
- 23 gripping tabs.

1 18. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said first and second exterior bars are
2 secured to said plates by solder.

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